

REMARKS

In the Examiner's Advisory Action, the previously proposed amendment was not entered because the limitations of claim 8 were inserted into claim 1 without the limitations of claim 6 also being inserted into claim 1. As the Examiner will note, the present Supplemental Proposed Amendment amends claim 1 to include the subject matter of both claims 6 and 8 and correspondingly claims 6 and 8 have been cancelled from the present application.

Also, claim 9 was objected to by the Examiner as not containing sufficient antecedent basis. As the Examiner will note, claim 9 has been amended to correct this inadvertency.

Accordingly, since all of the reasons for not entering the Proposed Amendment previously filed have been complied with, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the Supplemental Proposed Amendment as placing the present application into better condition for appeal.

The Examiner will also note that a Notice of Appeal was filed in the USPTO on September 9, 2004.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the Supplemental Proposed Amendment as placing the present application into condition for allowance are respectfully requested.

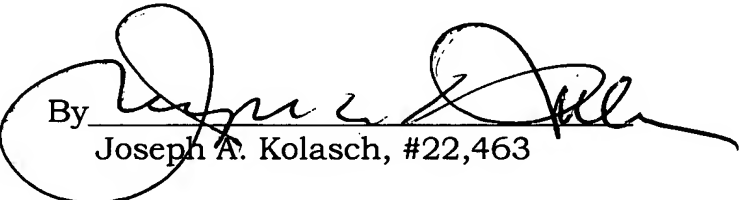
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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